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SUBJECT: Briefing on National Interdepartmental Seminar Liaison/OTR
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2. ☐ discussed the basic organization of the NIS, with ☐ as the coordinator, and five agencies participating: State, Defense, USIA, AID, and CIA. Each seminar runs for four weeks with six seminars being presented annually. There have been 35 seminars since 1962 with 2044 graduates, of which 261 have been CIA personnel.

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3. The NIS staff consists of 20 personnel, drawn from the various agencies, with the $500,000 annual expense prorated among participating agencies. Quotas for each seminar consists of:

> CIA  -  8
> DOD  -  13
> State  -  16
> USIA  -  12
> AID  -  15

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☐ pointed out that the Agency usually meets its quota but individual seminars may vary from 3 to 12 CIA participants. During the last six months attendance has dropped off to some 30 students per seminar instead of the anticipated 60. USIA has questioned the continuation of the seminar and has dropped their participation to about two students per course.

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4. ☐ is very favorably impressed with the quality of personnel who participate from all agencies and particularly commented on the gradual broadening of the viewpoints of military participants. He also noted that CIA students are usually somewhat aloof but excellent representatives of the Agency. The briefing adjourned at 1550.

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